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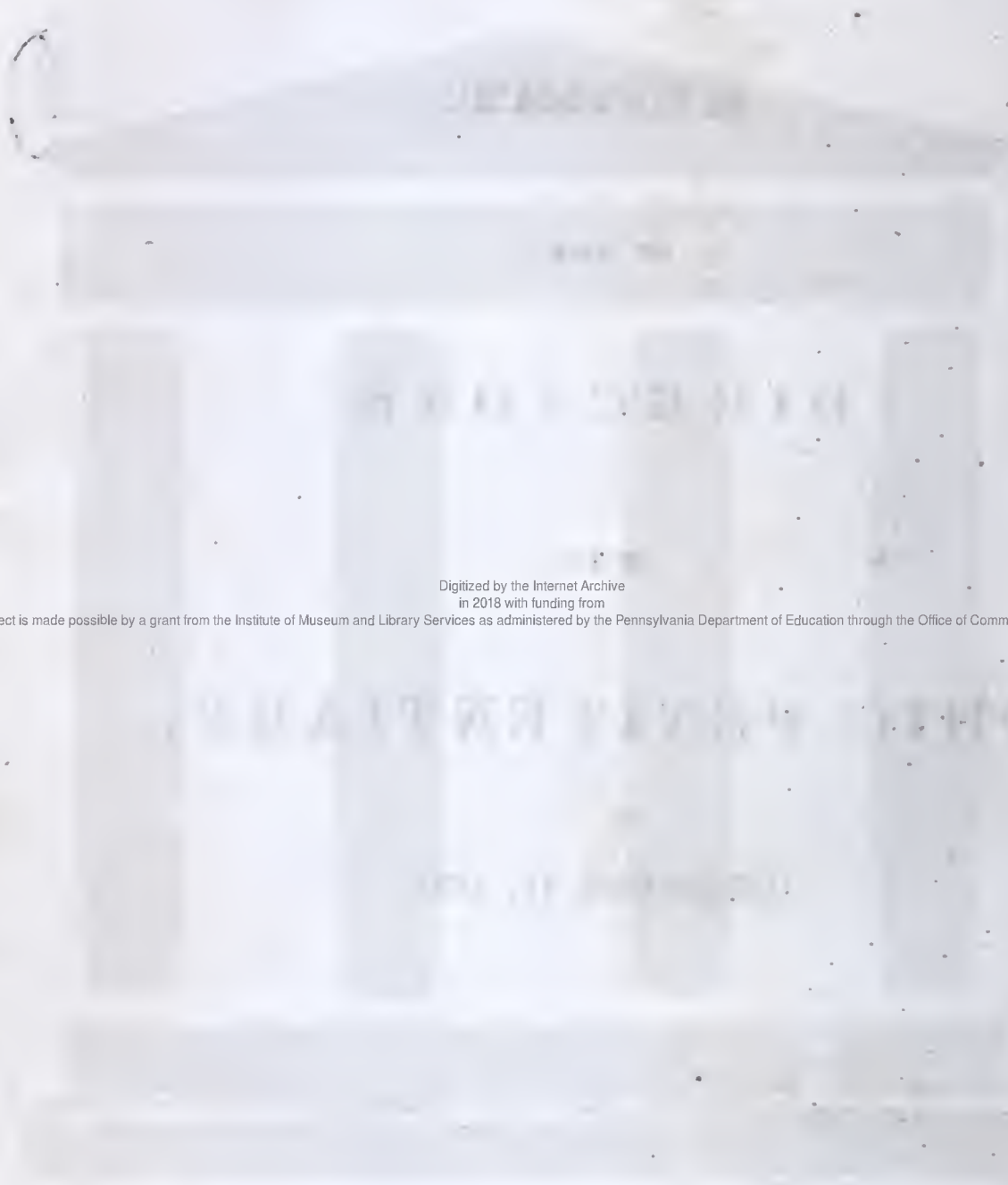
OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

OHIO PENITENTIARY.

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REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

The undersigned, Directors of the Ohio Penitentiary, have the pleasure, in this, their Annual Report, of presenting this institution in a condition highly prosperous. It is now, for the first time, independent of the Treasury. All the pledges by us made in our former reports, we believe, have been redeemed; and all our predictions in relation to the new prison, and the favorable pecuniary results of the system of discipline therein established, have been fully verified. This cannot be otherwise than highly gratifying to the people of Ohio, who, within the last twenty-five years, have been taxed for Penitentiary purposes to an amount approximating three hundred thousand dollars.

The Exhibit of the Warden, herewith submitted, shows the cash earnings of the institution for the past year to be..... \$42,920 96 0
To which should be added the value of the labor performed by the convicts for the State on the prison buildings within the year, amounting, at the lowest estimate, to..... 4,405 45 0

Showing the total earnings for the year to be..... \$47,326 41 0

The aggregate expenditures for the same time, exclusive of those incurred in the construction of the prison buildings, have been .. 34,768 44 5

And if from this sum be deducted the amount paid for the conviction and transportation of convicts, expenses which accrue before the convicts are received into the Penitentiary, and therefore not properly chargeable in the account for its support, and which for the last year have been 8,759 61 5

There will be left for the net income of the prison, including the value of the labor on the prison buildings, the sum of..... \$21,317 58 0

Though the Directors have taken a part in the management of the institution, yet they most cheerfully admit that much more is due to the Warden than to themselves, for producing this favorable result; and desire to renew their testimony of the zeal, ability, fidelity, and economy, with which he continues to discharge the duties of his office.

The same Exhibit shows the expenditures for the year, on account of the prison buildings, to have been..... \$10,213 34 5

Of which there was drawn from the Treasury..... 8,750 00 0

The residue was received on account of the old prison, the items of which will be seen in the Exhibit.

In addition to the progress made in the completion of the west wing of the prison building, there has been constructed, within the last year, a separate apartment for female convicts, situated within the prison yard, at the east end of the main building, containing eleven cells, and capable of being increased to twice that number. In addition to the cells for night rooms, the building contains convenient apartments, in which they labor by day.

A commodious reservoir has also been constructed near the center of the prison yard, from which the water is conducted by a pipe, as occasion may require, into a well constructed and permanent sewer, leading into the river. This is a necessary and indispensable appendage to the prison.

A portion of the cells in the west wing are finished and occupied, and the residue can readily be finished as soon as needed. For about one half of the cell doors in this wing, the iron has yet to be purchased. Another range of work shops, of two hundred and fifty feet in length, will also be required early in the next season; yet it is believed that what may be spared from the balance now in the hands of the Warden, and from the earnings of the institution in the ensuing year, will be sufficient to defray all these expenses. This opinion, however, is based upon the expectation that the Penitentiary will receive for the labor of the convicts, (if any should be required,) upon other public works for the State, an amount equal to what they might earn in the prison during the same time. This has been the case for the last year, in regard to the labor performed for the Lunatic Asylum, as nearly as could be ascertained. That institution has paid the Penitentiary from thirty-seven and a half to fifty cents per day, for common laborers, and from fifty-six to seventy-five cents, for skillful mechanics. This is a higher per diem than is received for those employed in the prison under permanent contracts; but when it is considered that the work on the Asylum is principally performed when the days are long, and the convicts thrown back upon the prison during the winter—that work, too, necessarily requiring most of the skillful mechanics, especially stone cutters, whose labor in the prison would have been productive far above an average; and when it is also considered that it is more expensive to guard, clothe, and feed men employed at rough work out of the prison, than those employed in workshops, the compensation received will not be considered too great. From a careful consideration of the subject, we are fully satisfied, that, had none of the convicts been employed on the Asylum during the last year, the earnings of the prison would have been as great as now exhibited.

In the Exhibit herewith submitted, will also be found a recapitulation of the expenditures in the construction of the new prison, and its appendages, since the commencement of the work up to the present time, showing an aggregate of.....\$93,370 50 5

Of which there has been drawn from the Treasury.....	88,100 33 0
Received from other sources.....	5,270 17 5

The aggregate amount of the labor of the convicts on the work, to this time, is 113,462 days.

Should this exhibit of the cost of the structure create any surprise; it must be, we think, a surprise that the amount is not much greater, and we believe that Ohio may safely challenge any of her sister States, to produce a like structure, at a less expense.

We also herewith exhibit the tabular statements prepared by the Physician to the prison, relative to the general health of the convicts during the past year; an inspection of which may be interesting, and which, by a continuation for a few years, may afford some useful hints in regard to the preservation of health in the prison.

In settling with the Sheriffs bringing in prisoners, the Warden has experienced some difficulties, resulting from a difference of opinion in regard to the construction of the second section of the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, "regulating the fees of Sheriffs in civil and criminal cases." Some of the Sheriffs who have brought in more than one prisoner at a time, have multiplied the mileage by the number of prisoners thus conveyed, and have claimed the amount thus produced, together with the allowance for transporting and sustaining the prisoners; and the same compensation for a guard for each. This construction would give to a Sheriff, bringing ten prisoners at one time from Cincinnati, two hundred and twenty dollars for his own traveling fees only. It can scarcely be believed that the Legislature so intended, though the wording of the law would seem to warrant this construction. There would seem to be no good reason why a Sheriff, when provided with all the necessary guards, should be entitled to any greater fees for traveling in company with two convicts, than with one. At all events, we cannot conceive why he should be paid any more for returning home in the one case, than in the other. We would, therefore, respectfully suggest the propriety of passing an explanatory or an amendatory act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH OLDS,
SAMUEL F. MACCRACKEN,
BENJAMIN F. ALLEN.

Columbus, December 12, 1837.

The following Exhibit of the receipts and disbursements, and general operations of that Institution, for the year ending 30th Nov. 1837 is respectfully submitted.

N. MEDBERY, *Warden, O. P.*

Received from earnings of cooper shop.....	\$6,231 51
“ “ stone cutter.....do.....	7,099 35
“ “ smith's.....do.....	1,616 81
“ “ carpenter.....do.....	1,056 53½
“ “ tailors.....do.....	1,131 59½
“ “ shoemakers.....do.....	2,029 80
“ “ lace, lame, &c..do.....	6,731 16
“ “ teams.....	576 91½
“ “ masons.....	1,468 25
“ for steam power.....	390 96½
“ labor of promiscuous hands, (lumpers).....	6,088 02½
“ lard, ashes, &c., sold.....	510 23
“ sand, &c., (incidental).....	348 09
“ compounding drugs in hospital.....	77 18½
“ support of the U. S. prisoners.....	588 30
“ from visitors.....	821 15½
“ for broken stone.....	17 38½

Total cash received.....\$36,983 25

To which add amount due from Superintendent of National Road, for metal furnished.....\$2,156 22

To which add amount due from Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, for labor done... 3,320 80

To which add amount due from individual accounts not closed.....460 69 \$5,837 71

Total cash earnings.....\$42,920 96

The expenditures in cash for the general support of the Institution, purchase of machinery, and materials for manufacturing, and pay of prosecution and transportation charges on convicts, for the same period, have been as follows:

For salary of Warden.....	\$1,000 00
“ “ Deputy and Clerk.....	1,000 00
“ “ Assistants and Physician...	5,413 33
“ provisions.....	9,583 63½
“ clothing.....	2,872 35½
“ fuel and oil.....	422 53½
“ stationary.....	26 25½
“ forage.....	618 68
“ medicines for hospital.....	75 76½
“ printing and postage.....	41 81½

" chains, cattle, &c., (incidental).....	262 63
" furniture.....	252 06½
" discharged convicts.....	146 57
" teams, wagon, pay of teamster, &c....	273 25
For stone breaking, overseeing, hauling, &c.	451 45

Total expenses for general support, \$22,440 33

For materials for manufacturing

" cooper shop	\$1,198 27½
" stone "	215 20
" smith "	601 38
" tailor "	4 13
" carpenter "	465 77½
" shoe "	8 87

For boilers and machinery.....1,074 87

Total expenses for mater'ls, &c. \$3,568 50 3,568 50

Total expenses for materials and gen. sup. \$26,008 83

Paid costs of crim. pros.\$4,751 42

Paid costs of transportation,.. 4,008 19½ 8,759 61½

Total disbursements for all objects, \$34,768 44½ 34,768 44½

Which deducted from the earnings and receipts, leaves
a nett revenue of..... \$8,152 51½

To show fairly the earnings of the Institution, there
should be added to the above sum, the labor performed
on the prison buildings the past season, to wit: 12,587
days, which is believed to have been worth at least
fifty cents per day to the State, but which, if estimated
at the low rate of thirty-five cents per day, would make 4,405 45

This would show the actual revenue to be.....\$12,557 96½

The balance of funds in the hands of the Warden on
the 1st of Dec., 1836, was.....\$5,062 25½

Received from appropriation for that object,
at the commencement of the year, for
Warden's salary, &c..... 2,650 00

Cash receipts for the past year, as above
shown.....36,983 25 44,695 50½

From which deduct aggregate disbursements in the same
year, as above set forth..... \$34,768 44½

Balance in hands of Warden, Dec. 1st, 1837,.. \$9,927 05½

The number of prisoners in confinement on the 1st of Dec., 1836, was.....	314
The number received from that period to same date, 1837, has been.....	145

Total..... 459

The number discharged in same time has been, by expiration of sentence,.....	26
do do do time commuted.....	7
do do do pardon, (Gov. Lucas)	21
do do do do (Gov. Vance)	3
Escaped	1
Died.....	9
Leaving in confinement, 1st Dec., instant,.....	392
Of the above number there are white males.....	250
do do colored do	38
do do white females.....	1
do do colored do	3

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The number of prisoners received in the Penitentiary for each of the three years past, since the abandonment of the old prison, has been as follows: in 1835..... 150
 1836..... 112
 1837..... 145

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407

The number in confinement on 1st of Dec., 1834 was	187
The increase in 1835 “	89
“ 1836 “	38
“ 1837 “	78

Making the number on Dec. 1st, as above 392

The expenditures for the year past, on account of the erection of the prison buildings and fixtures pertaining thereunto, has been as follows, and for the following objects, to wit:

Paid for iron for cell doors, &c.....	\$2,059 82
“ locks.....	35 82½
“ brick	1,061 71
“ lime-stone	761 69½
“ free-stone.....	1,048 40
“ lumber.....	2,154 53½
“ Superintendents and Overseers.....	1,968 33
“ lime	280 56
“ tin for roof.....	456 86
“ oil, paints, &c., (incidental,)	385 61

\$10,213 34½

On account of the above objects there has been received
in the same time, as follows:

For rents of old prison buildings	\$67 00 0
For notes and accounts due old prison,.....	276 89 5
From proceeds (in part) from sale of old prison walls.....	1,701 21 0
For articles sold.....	180 25 0
Appropriation for that object.....	8,750 00 0
	\$10,975 35 5

From which if the above be deducted, there will re- main.....	\$762 01 0
From this deduct amount advanced by Superintendent on 1st December last, as per report.....	571 02 5
Leaving balance in hands of Superintendent, 1st Dec. 1837.....	\$190 98 5

The work that has been done on the buildings the year past, has
been applied as follows:

By smiths.....	802 days.
By masons.....	1,088 do.
By carpenters.....	1,259 do.
By stone cutters.....	1,732 do.
By painters.....	292 do.
By teamsters.....	451 do.
By lumpers.....	6,963 do.

Making..... 12,587 days.

The amount drawn from the Treasury since the commencement of
the new Penitentiary, and which has been appropriated by the Legis-
lature, at different periods, for the object of constructing the same, and
also the labor done by convicts on the prison buildings up to the pre-
sent time, has been as follows:

Money drawn from Treasury previous to 1st Dec. 1832,	\$2,900 00 0
Do.....do.....do.....do.....do.....1833,	23,023 00 0
Do.....do.....do.....do.....do.....1834,	23,900 00 0
Do.....do.....do.....do.....do.....1835,	14,527 33 0
Do.....do.....do.....do.....do.....1836,	15,000 00 0
Do.....do.....do.....do.....do.....1837,	8,750 00 0
Total amount drawn from the Treasury.....	\$88,100 33 0
Amt. received from old prison notes and accts.,	5,270 17 5
Aggregate amount expended to present time,...	\$93,370 50 5

The aggregate amount of labor performed on the buildings by convicts to December, 1835, was 77,105 days.

In 1836.....23,770 days.

In 1837.....12,587 days.

Total number of days' work, 113,462

The following statement shows the amount of cash earnings in each of the three past years, since the present prison has been occupied, and also the labor expended on the prison buildings in the same time, (the convicts were transferred from the old to the new Penitentiary October 28th, 1834):

<i>Amt. of Cash Earnings.</i>	<i>Work on Pris. Buildings.</i>
From Dec. 1834 to Dec. 1835, \$6,373 64 0.....	30,973 days.
Do....1835..do.....1836, 19,863 12 4.....	23,770 days.
Do. ...1836..do.....1837, 43,065 46 0.....	12,587 days.

TABLE No. 1.

A TABLE showing the number of Prisoners received into the Ohio Penitentiary from the different counties for the year ending 30th November, 1837; the amount paid to each county for the charges of prosecution and transportation; the crime for which they were sent, term of sentence, and place of nativity.

Counties and number.	Prosecution.	Transportation.	Total amount.	Crimes and number.	Term of sentence, and number.	Place of nativity and number.
Ashtabula - 2	\$59 88	\$156 00	\$215 88	Arson..... 2	For 1 year..11	Alabama..... 1
Athens - 1	35 35	33 58	68 93	Assault, with intent to kill and rob..... 5	" 2 " ..18	Connecticut..... 5
Belmont* - 1					" 3 " ..54	Canada..... 1
Butler - 1	14 00	46 00	60 00	Burglary.....18	" 4 " ..12	Delaware..... 2
Brown - 1	22 80	50 60	73 40		" 5 " ..19	England..... 8
Champaign - 1	11 16½	14 08	25 24½	Burglary & larceny..... 2	" 6 " .. 8	France..... 1
Clark - 2	81 64½	41 40	123 04½		" 7 " .. 8	Georgia..... 1
Clinton - 2	144 25½	49 10	193 35½	Bigamy..... 1	" 9 " .. 1	Germany..... 5
Columbiana - 2	65 10½	136 50	201 60½		" 10 " .. 8	Holland..... 1
Coshocton - 1	16 80½	33 58	50 38½	Counterfeiting ..18	" 11 " .. 8	Ireland..... 4
Cuyahoga - 20	624 90½	446 30	1,071 20½		" 12 " .. 8	Kentucky..... 7
Delaware - 1	49 28	8 00	57 28	Forgery..... 8	" 13 " .. 8	Louisiana..... 1
Fairfield - 1	15 23	8 96	24 19		" 14 " .. 8	Massachusetts .. 3
Franklin† - 5	21 56	34 56	56 12	Grand larceny..47	" 15 " .. 8	Maryland..... 5
Gallia - 1	245 05	174 72	419 77		" 16 " .. 8	Maine..... 2
Geauga - 5	15 59½	20 16	35 75½			New York..... 32
Greene - 1	689 59½	674 80	1,364 39½			New Jersey..... 1
Hamilton - 31						New Hampshire 1

TABLE 1—Continued.

Counties and number.	Prosecution.	Transportation.	Total amount.	Crimes and number.	Term of sentence and number.	Place of nativity and number.
Harrison - 2	91 89	61 00	152 89	Horse stealing..20	For 12 years.. 1	Ohio..... 21
Highland - 2	172 53	46 80	219 33		" 15 " 2	Osage nation..... 1
Holmes - 3	162 68	84 24	246 92		" life..... 3	Pennsylvania..... 23
Huron - 5	235 22	132 48	367 70	Incest..... 1		Rhode Island..... 1
Jefferson - 4	73 24½	204 00	277 24½			St. Domingo..... 1
Knox - 2	96 70¾	37 44	134 14¾	Murder, 1st deg. (commuted)..... 1		Tennessee..... 1
Licking - 1	32 61¾	17 02	49 63¾			Vermont..... 3
Logan - 2	60 50	28 60	89 10			Virginia..... 11
Lorain - 1	13 03	41 60	54 63	Murder, 2d deg. 2		Wales..... 2
Lucas - 5	155 23	222 00	377 23			.....
Miami - 1	-	34 50	34 50	Manslaughter .. 5		.....
Montgomery 5	299 43	91 12	390 55			.....
Muskingum 3	49 95	56 16	106 11	Robbery..... 8		.....
Pickaway - 1	97 33½	11 29½	108 63			.....
Pike - 1	29 35½	29 44	58 79½	Rape..... 3		.....
Portage - 6	163 56	278 80	442 36			.....
Preble - 2	109 08	85 56	194 64	Stealing letters from the United		.....
Richland - 3	164 28½	50 32	214 60½	States mail..... 2		.....
Ross - 4	61 08½	28 80	89 88½			.....
Sandusky - 2	102 24½	76 32	178 56½	Stabbing..... 2		.....
Stark - 3	201 14½	115 80	316 94½			.....
Trumbull - 2	82 73½	134 00	216 73½			.....

Tuscarawas	2	96 83½	52 00	148 83½	.....	.....	.....
Warren	1	24 78	38 18	62 96	.....	.....	.....
Washington	1	18 09½	55 20	73 29½	.....	.....	.....
Wood	2	45 31½	67 50	112 81½	.....	.....	.....
Total,	145	4,751 42	4,008 19½	8,759 61½	Total.....	145	145

* Sent from Belmont in 1831; escaped from old prison in 1832; returned in 1837.

† Two of the number United States prisoners.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors, &c:

GENTLEMEN: The following tabular statements will exhibit the general health of the institution; the character of the diseases which have prevailed, and the number of days lost by sickness during the last year. They are respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS, December 8th, 1837.

TABLE No. 1.

WILLIAM M. AWL.

DISEASES.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	Total num-ber of cases.	Total no. of days lost.	Deaths.
Constipation -	-	1	-	-	1	-	9	12	10	11	9	7	64	141	1
Intermitting fever -	4	-	5	2	4	3	2	-	3	11	3	1	35	177	
Remitting fever -	1	3	3	2	-	5	-	3	9	14	-	-	40	710	
Catarrhal affections -	5	23	13	20	12	10	4	3	14	5	6	6	121	233	
Influenza -	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	110	
Chronic bronchitis -	-	-	-	2	3	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	9	171	
Measles -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	11	-	-	-	26	429	1
Pleurisy -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	18	
Typhoid pneumonia -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	
Asthma -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	34	
Chronic gastritis -	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	1	2	-	9	45	
Peritonitis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	101	
Diarrhoea and dysentery -	3	5	1	2	1	5	3	48	96	41	6	2	213	655	2
Scorbutic -	11	3	5	4	7	6	2	5	5	2	1	-	51	655	
Dropsy -	-	-	1	2	1	4	2	-	2	2	1	1	16	225	1
Ophthalmia -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	

TABLE No. 2,

Showing the number of cases of sickness, as reported from the different tiers of cells, during the several months of the year.

MONTHS.	CELLS ON THE NORTH SIDE.						CELLS ON THE SOUTH SIDE.						Total number of cases.
	Tier 1.	T. 2.	T. 3.	T. 4.	Tier 5.	Total.	T. 1.	T. 2.	T. 3.	T. 4.	T. 5.	Total.	
December -	8	7	15	10	7	47	2	1	4	4	-	11	58
January -	12	5	8	5	7	37	7	1	2	4	-	14	51
February -	6	2	4	7	3	22	1	2	-	6	-	9	31
March -	7	5	4	3	7	26	3	3	8	3	-	17	43
April -	10	4	5	6	3	28	3	4	4	2	-	13	41
May -	7	-	3	2	6	18	6	5	5	6	2	24	42
June -	3	2	2	2	4	13	1	2	2	10	6	21	34
July -	10	11	8	11	23	63	3	2	11	11	7	34	97
August -	27	17	17	22	25	108	8	16	9	14	9	56	164
September -	12	10	10	7	17	56	5	7	13	6	6	37	93
October -	6	3	4	7	8	28	-	2	4	3	4	13	41
November -	5	2	4	2	5	18	1	1	3	-	3	8	26
Total	113	68	84	84	115	464	40	46	65	69	37	257	721

TABLE No. 3,

Showing the number of cases of sickness, as reported from the different work-shops and places of working, in the several months of the year.

MONTHS.	Lunatic Asylum.	Stone shop.	Blacksmith shop.	Carpenter shop.	Cooper shop.	Saddle-tree shop.	Lace shop.	Tailor shop.	Shoe shop.	In the yard.	Outside.	Dining room.	Kitchen.	Hall.	Bakehouse.	Hospital.	Just received.	Wash house.	Female prison.	Total no. of cases.
December-	-	16	2	-	12	14	1	1	3	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	58
January -	-	6	1	1	7	5	5	1	10	8	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	51
February -	-	6	4	3	5	5	2	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	34
March -	-	6	2	3	6	12	4	2	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
April -	1	6	1	3	3	9	1	3	5	4	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	41
May -	2	2	4	1	3	7	3	2	8	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	44
June -	6	1	5	2	2	5	2	1	1	6	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	35
July -	25	5	6	4	12	3	11	2	12	15	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	100
August -	20	18	16	4	20	6	9	11	15	33	5	1	2	1	-	1	-	2	2	166
September	9	16	9	3	10	10	6	4	7	17	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	98
October -	4	5	4	-	5	4	2	3	2	7	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	43
November	-	2	-	1	6	3	3	1	3	4	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	26
Total -	67	89	54	25	91	83	49	32	69	107	24	8	11	7	2	6	2	6	7	739

